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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR WORKLOAD BALANCING IN A NETWORK OF COMPUTER SYTEMS**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

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  X   With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

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\_\_\_\_ A fee is required. Accordingly, a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

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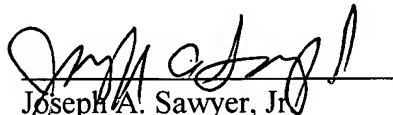
Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-2120 (Sawyer Law Group LLP). If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

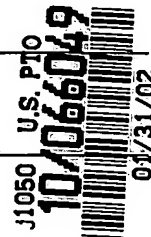
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